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CSD SMALL CLAIMS COURT CLINIC FOR WEST DADE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The West Dade Regional Library at 9445 Coral Way in Westchester is the venue for the next Small Claims Court Clinic, to take place this Thursday evening, August 1, beginning at seven o'clock.

Miami-Dade County Consumer Advocate Leonard Elias, will explain the Small Claims Court system in a step-by-step manner, guiding participants through the process from preparing to file an action through to collecting on a judgment where that action is successful. He will tell participants what to expect and also provide a packet of sample legal forms.

The Consumer Services Department holds these clinics at venues across Miami-Dade County to give residents an opportunity to hear a detailed explanation on how to use the Small Claims Court system to settle disputes with a value of \$5,000 or less.

The Small Claims Court Clinics are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

Persons requiring directions to the West Dade Regional Library at 9445 Coral Way should call (305) 553-1134. For other information about the Small Claims Court Clinics please call the Miami-Dade County Consumer Hotline at (305) 375-3677.

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